Commercial production in this mine started in January, 1987. The actual production in 1989 was 2.04 million tonnes.

Payment of Bonus to the Central Government Employees

3489. SHRI CHANDAN SHARMA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the proposal to pay Bonus to the Central Government employees for the year 1989-90 is under consideration of Government; and

(b) if so, by when a decision thereon is likely to be taken?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A decision is likely to be taken shortly.

Confirmed Demands of Central Excise pending against M/s. ITC Ltd.

3490. SHRI RAMSINGH RATHWA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the following confirmed demands pertaining to Central excise are pending against M/s. ITC Ltd., at present :—

(i) Rs. 143.22 crores by Collector, Central Excise, Bangalore.

(ii) Rs. 23.20 crores by Collector, Central Excise, Calcutta.

(iii) Rs. 41.50 crores by Collector, Excise, Bombay.

(iv) Rs. 26.43 crores by Collector, Central Excise, Meerut

(v) Rs. 0.47 crores by Collector, Central Excise, Calcutta

(vi) Rs. 80.30 crores by Astt. Collector, Central Excise, Saharanpur.

(vii) Rs. 27.58 crores by Astt. Collector, Central Excise, Bangalore.

(viii) Rs. 2.40 crores by Astt. Collector, Central Excise, Bangalore.

(ix) Rs. 2.51 crores by Astt. Collector, Central Excise, Patna; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken/is being taken on each of the above mentioned confirmed demands?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. Out of the demands mentioned only four are confirmed demands. A statement showing the details and action taken/being taken on each of these confirmed demands is enclosed. (*see* below).

Statement

S. No	Amount of Confirmed Demand	Collectorate of Central Excise	Action taken/being taken
1	2	3	4
	(Rs. in crores)		
1.	27.58	Bangalore	The recovery has been stayed by Madras High Court. Action has been taken to move the Court for early hearing and the Advocate General of Tamil Nadu has been engaged for defending the case.
2.	2.40	Bangalore	The case is pending before CEGAT. Special counsel has been engaged to defend the case.
3.	2.51	Patna	On account of requantification of differential duty in the light of adjudication order passed by DGI, C & CE, New Delhi the demand for differential duty was raised to Rs. 8.29

1	2	3	4
			crores. In pursuance of Patna High Court's order, show cause notice for the demand of Rs. 8.29 crores is under process of issue in consultation with the Advocate General of Bihar and Senior Govt. Counsel Patna High Court.
4.	80.30	Meerut	The Supreme Court *vide* its order dated 22-8-1990 on the SLP filed by M/s. ITC against the Allahabad High Court's order, has allowed the Company to prefer an appeal to the Collector (Appeal) within a month from the date of its order.

Adjudication proceeding against M/s. ITC Ltd.

3491. SHRI RAMSINGH RATHWA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the adjudication proceedings on a show-cause notice to M/s. I.T.C. Ltd. involving more than Rs. 800 crores is pending; if so, what are the details thereof alongwith the date when it was started and the reason for which it is taking so long a time to complete the same:

(b) by when the above adjudication proceedings are likely to be completed;

(c) whether Government have launched or propose to launch any prosecution case against M/s. I.T.C. Ltd. during the pendency of adjudication; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A show cause notice alleging evasion of Rs. 804 crores approx. was issued on 27-3-87 to M/s. I.T.C. Ltd. The adjudication proceedings started on the date of issue of the show cause notice itself. In this case, as in all other adjudications, principles of natural justice have to be followed by the departmental Adjudicating Authorities. Efforts are being made to complete the adjudication proceedings at the earliest.

(c) and (d) No prosecution has been launched against I.T.C. Ltd. in respect of this case because normally launching of prosecution is considered only after completion of adjudication proceedings.

Recovery on Income-tax dues from M/s. I.T.C. Ltd.

3492. SHRI RAMSINGH RATHWA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that about 65 crores of rupees towards income-tax recovery from M/s. I.T.C. Ltd. is pending realisation due to some litigation in Calcutta high Court;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof including the stage at which the litigation rests at present; and

(c) by when this amount is likely to be realised from M/s. I.T.C. Ltd.?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI) : (a) and (b) A gross demand of about Rs. 65 crores in respect of assessment years 1981-82, 1982-83 and 1986-87 has been raised in this case. The net demand after adjustment of pre-paid taxes etc. is Rs. 39.74 crores. However, the Calcutta High Court passed an interim injunction restraining the assessing officer from serving the relevant assessment orders and demand notices on the assessee. The Income-tax Department is taking necessary steps to get the interim injunction vacated.

(c) Since the High Court has not yet vacated the interim injunction, it is not